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PLEASE PASS CAO ZIVETZ FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BERNICE REAGON, SMITHSONIAN DIVISION PERFORMING ARTS:

1. OUR STAFF VERY EXCITED ABOUT GHANIAN PARTICIPATION 1974 FESTIVAL.

2. DESIRED GHANIAN TROUPE SIZE: 25 MEMBERS INCLUDING CRAFT COMPONENT.

3. CRAFTS ARE TO CORRESPOND WITH SURVIVING OR REVIVAL CRAFT TRADITIONS IN US BLACK COMMUNITIES. CATEGORIES FOR 1974 CRAFTS EXHIBITS ARE: BASKETRY; WOOD CARVING (ASHANTI STOOL CARVERS); METAL WORK (MR. BOATENG-ASHANTI GOLDSMITH AND BRONZE WORKER); FISHING CRAFTS - NET MAKING; CLOTH DESIGN (KENTE CLOTH WEAVERS); AND POSSIBLY POTTERY.

4. NEED KNOW ASAP IDENTITY AND MAKEUP OF PERFORMING GROUP (DANCERS/MUSICIANS). HOPE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REAGON'S REPORT. RUSH

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